

On April 12, 2011, the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Hon. James L. Robart, issued a Temporary Restraining Order against implementation of the Medicaid nursing facility rates previously announced effective April 1, 2011. This means that the rates that were in place on March 31, 2011, are reinstituted, effective immediately.

The Office of Rates Management informed DSHS' Medicaid Purchasing Administration (MPA) of the order, and MPA has told us that the reinstituted rates are now loaded into ProviderOne and available for payment.

The reinstituted rates will be used to pay any new claims for services rendered on or after April 1. In addition, MPA will begin to recalculate previously filed claims for services rendered on or after April 1. However, MPA has said this "mass adjustment" process will take an appreciable time to complete – possibly as long as eight weeks or more.

The Office of Rates Management will mail notice of the reinstituted rates to facilities during the week of Monday, April 18.